

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

13. (Currently Amended) ~~An animal~~ A dog toy, including

(a) ~~a compressibly~~ An elongate bendable elastically deformable hollow thin-walled non-spherical rubber core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible gaseous volume and including a center, a non-spherical outer surface, a wall one-sixteenth to five-sixteenths of an inch thick, and points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center, said core when bent subjecting part of said core to tensile forces while another part of said core is subjected to compressive forces;

(b) a cover affixed to said outer surface of said core, said cover comprising a firm woven cloth heavily napped and shrunk to produce a smooth resilient texture;

(c) at least one elongate strip of material extending over said outer surface as a line of demarcation to separate said felt cover into at least two areas, one on either side of said strip of material.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~An animal~~ A dog toy, including

(a) ~~a compressibly~~ an elongate bendable compressible elastically deformable thin-walled hollow symmetrical non-spherical rubber core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible gaseous volume and including

(i) a center,

(ii) a non-spherical outer surface,

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- (iii) a wall one-sixteenth to five-sixteenths of an inch thick,
- (iv) points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center, said core when bent subjecting part of said core to tensile forces while another part of said core is subjected to compressive forces; and,
- (b) a cover affixed to said outer surface of said core, said cover comprising a firm woven cloth heavily napped and shrunk to form a smooth resilient texture, said symmetrical core being shaped and dimensioned such that the toy can be thrown to bounce
 - (i) along a straight line, and
 - (ii) erratically such that the direction of travel of the toy changes from bounce to bounce due to the shape and dimension of the toy.